

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Application No. 10/517,206


REMARKS

Claim 19 has been amended and new claims 20 and 21 have been added, to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. This, all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination of the pending claims.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the even that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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